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Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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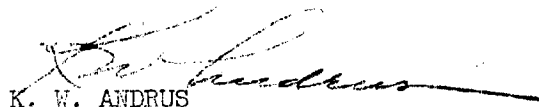
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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER
Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361	LtCol K. W. ANDRUS (1Nov-30Nov69)
Executive Officer	Maj Z. V. LAMASCUS (1Nov-30Nov69)
Operations Officer	Maj D. V. SHUTER (1Nov-24Nov69)
	Maj R. C. MARSHALL (24Nov-30Nov69)
Maintenance Officer	Capt P. A. STONE (1Nov-30Nov69)

## LOCATION

HMH-361 -- 1 November 1969 -- 30 November 1969 -- Marble Mountain, RVN

## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

ASO	Capt R. D. PARTINGTON (1Nov-1Nov69)
	1/Lt J. A. MOTISI (2Nov-30Nov69)
NATOPS	Capt F. J. GAJEWSKI (1Nov-10Nov69)
	Capt J. A. WESSELL (10Nov-30Nov69)
FLIGHT SURGEON	Lt W. C. HULON (USN)(1Nov-30Nov69)
Intelligence Officer	1/Lt R. M. CAMPOS (1Nov-30Nov69)
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj T. A. MOORE (1Nov-30Nov69)

## 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
37	178	1	0

## 5. IMPORTANT VISITORS

NONE

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

For the period 1 November to 30 November 1969, HMH-361 logged 512.4 flight hours. The Squadron flew 1928 sorties and performed 310 tasks in support of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, First Marine Division, the Republic of Korea Marines, U. S. Army, Third Marine Amphibious Force, and Marine Aircraft Group 16.

During this period 1522.2 tons of cargo were lifted and 16,647 passengers were carried.

On 1 November, the Squadron suffered the loss of four out of five crew members aboard YN-28. Due to mechanical failure, the aircraft's number two engine exploded during a TACAN Approach to Marble Mountain Air Facility. The aircraft and the body of the pilot-in-command have yet to be recovered.

  
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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 November 1969 - YN-28 crashes during a practice TACAN approach to Marble Mountain. Crew members killed:

CAPT R. D. PARTINGTON

MSGT A. T. ELDER

LCPL F. A. NELSON

LCPL G. W. NICHOLSON

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